### MINUTES

OF THE

### TENTH SESSION

OF THE

# HOLSTON ANNUAL CONFERENCE,

OF THE

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Third Year.—T. S. Walker. J. H. McGriff, R. O. Ayres.
Fourth Year.—J. A. Dean, J. W. Mann, R. Pierce.
Local Deacons.—F. M. Fanning, B. Crist, E. M. Lockwood.
Local Elders.—N. G. Taylor, J. N. Stamper, T. H. Russell.
To Preach Missionary Sermon.—J. F. Goldman.—Alternate,
J. F. Woodfin.

### TRIERS OF APPEAL.

F. M. Fanning, J. A. Hyden, R. W. Patty, W. C. Graves, J. J. Manker, W. C. Daily, J. W. Mann.

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### I. MEMBERS.

NAMES.	When Admitt'd.	POST-OFFICES.	COUNTY AND STATE.						
Robert O. Ayres,	1864	Thorn Grove,	Tennessee.						
Jonathan N. Baker,*	1867	Athens,	Tennessee.						
W. B. Ballenger,	1870	Cleveland,	Tennessee.						
Daniel Battin,	1872	Leicester,	Buncombe Co., N. C.						
Lemuel Bogart,	1866	Sevierville,	Tennessee.						
Thomas W. Brown,	1866	Athens,	Tennessee.						
Andrew J. Bruner,	1872	Kingston,	Tennessee.						
M. H. B. Burket,	1864	Cleveland,	Tennessee.						
Hilton H. Burk,	1867	Riceville,	Tennessee.						
J. L. Cardwell,	1866	Tay or	T						
D. CARTER,	1865	Flat Gap,	Jefferson Co., Tennessee.						
Philip L. Chambers,	1865 1872	Cleveland,	Tennessee.						
Elbert B. Clark,	1858	Fineastle,	Tennessee.						
George W. Coleman,	1000	Kingston,	Tennessee.						
B. Crist,	1843	Loudon,	Tennessee.						
Wm. C. Daily,	1860	Cleveland,	Tennessee. Tennessee.						
James A. Dean,	1867	Athens,  Knoxville,	Tennessee.						
James M. Durham, A. F. English,	1001	Khoxvine,	Tennessee.						
Frank M. Fanning,	1837	Asheville,	North Carolina.						
James B. Fitzgerald,	1865	Knoxville,	Tennessee.						
John B. Ford,	1859	Cieveland,	Tennessee.						
John Forrester.	1861	Scarboro,	Anderson Co., Tenn.						
J. F. Goldman.	1	Knoxville,	Tennessee.						
G. A. Gowin,	1849	Chattanooga,	Tennessee.						
Wm. C. Graves,	1834	Asheville,	North Carolina.						
Andrew J. Greer,	1856	Tazewell,	Claiborne Co., Tenn.						
Samuel Grear,	1866	Blue Spring,	Tennessee.						
Robert H. Guthrie,	1850	Harrison,	James Co., Tennessee.						
Wesley Harkins,		,	· ·						
William M. Haskell,		Knoxville,	Tennessee,						
SPENCER HENRY,	1868	Maryville,	Tennessee.						
John R. Hughes,	1867	Rheatown,	Tennessee.						
J. Albert Hyden.	1855	Athens,	Tennessee.						
Samuel W. Hyden,	1861	Maryville,	Tennessee,						
John H. Jennings,	1868	Rockford,	Blount Co., Tennessee.						
George Julian,	1867	Cleveland,	Tennessee.						
William Kinsland,	1000	Spring House,	Grainger Co., Tenn.						
James D. Lawson,	1868	Ware's Valley,	Sevier Co., Tennessee.						

<sup>\*</sup> Names printed in italics are Supernumeraries.

Nam es printed in SMALL CAPITALS are Superannuates.

NAMES.	When Admitt'd.	POST-OFFICES.	COUNTY AND STATE.
Daniel B. Lawton,	1836	Knoxville,	Tennessee.
Joshua B. Little,	1852	777 (7	Campbell Co., Tenn.
Edwin M. Lockwood,	1869		Tennessee.
William R, Long,	1844	1	Tennsssee.
John W. Mann,	1857	1	Tennessee.
Jonathan L. Mann,	1860		Tennessee.
John J. Manker,	1866	Knoxville,	Tennessee.
James H. McGriff,	1868	Ducktown,	l'ennessee.
Joseph P. Milburn,	1861	Milburnton,	Tennessee.
John N. Moore,	1865	Knoxville,	Tennessee.
John F. Morrison,	1000	Parrottsville.	Cocke Co., Tennessee
J. M. Park,		Elizabethton,	Tennessee.
Raphael W. Patty,	1834	Morristown,	Tennessee.
John S. Petty,	1866	Greeneville,	Tennessee.
R. Pierce,	1871	New Market,	Tennessee.
Henry Pyle,	1867	Loy's Roads.	
Patrick H. Reed,	1855	Flat Gap.	Jefferson Co., Tenn.
D. Richardson,		Rogersville,	Tennessee.
Wм. H. Rogers,	1832	Cleveland,	Tennessee.
Thomas H. Russell,		Knoxville,	Tennessee.
James A. Ruble,	1866	Johnson City,	Tennessee,
A. F. Shannon,	1845	Harrison,	Tennessee.
Moses Seaton,	1857	Greeneville,	Tennessee.
James B. Seaton,		Maryville,	Tennessee.
W. D. Smith,		Cleveland,	Tennessee.
John N. Stamper,	1865	Athens,	Tennessee.
Elijah Still,	1831	Cleveland,	Tennessee.
Nathaniel G. Taylor,	1872	Carter's Station,	Tennessee.
John G. Trull,	1866	,	
Thomas S. Walker,	1861	Maryville,	Tennessee.
Albert G. Watkins,	1870	Mossy Creek,	Tennessee.
Benjamin F. Wells,	1839	Leicester,	Buncombe Co., N. C.
Thomas R. West,	1866	Tampico.	Grainger Co., Tenn.
Rufus M. Witt,	1869	• ,	Jenn.
John F. Woodfin,	1857	Boylston,	Henderson Co., N. C.
Absalom B. Wright.	1867	,	

### COLORED MEMBERS.

Charles K, Mays, Aaron P, Melton, Samuel Patterson, Clemm Shaw, John C, Tate, 1868	Chattanooga, Sevierville, Chattanooga, Clinton,	Tennessee, Tennessee, Tennessee. Tennessee. Tennessee. Tennessee.
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### II. PROBATIONERS.

NAMES,	When Admit t'd.	POST-OFFICES.	COUNTY AND STATE.
Wanser P. Fair, W. G. Hilton, W. Lueas, James F. Perry, A. C. Peters, J. R. Shultz, John Watts,	1873 1872 1872	Washington,	Tennessee. Tennessee. Tennessee. Tennessee. Tennessee. Tennessee.

### III. DECEASED MEMBERS.

NAMES.	BORN.	ADMITTED.	DIED.
WILLIS INGLE, DAVID FLEMING, JAMES CUMMING, WM. A. MARSHALL, W. H. H. DUGGAN, JOSEPH MILBURN, ISAAC FORKNER, JOHN LEACH, R. CLARK, N. E. COBLEIGH, L, L. D.,	1798. May 4, 1779. Oct. 26, 1787. 1819. July 3, 1815. Jan. 23, 1800. 1790.	1838. 1824. 1820. 1869. 1855. 1855. 1870.	Oct. 29, 1867. Aug. 28, 1868. June 20, 1879. Sept. 29, 1871. Aug. 11, 1872. Jan. 18, 1873. April 7, 1873. 1873. Aug. 9, 1873. Feb. 1, 1874.

### IV. BISHOPS OF THE M. E. CHURCH.

NAMES.	ENTERED THE MINISTRY.	Elected Bishop.	PRE'T RESIDENCE.
Edmund Storer Janes, Levi Scott.	Philadelphia Conference, 189 Philadelphia Conference, 189	0 1844	New York.
Matthew Simpson,		3 1859	Odessa, Delaware. Philadelphia.
Edward Raymond Ames,		0 1852	Baltimore,
Thomas Bowman,		9 1872	St. Louis, Mo.
William L. Harris,		6 1872	Chicago, Illinois.
Randolph S. Foster,	Ohio Conference, 18	7 1872	Cincinnati, Ohio.
Isaac W. Wiley,	Philadelphia Conference. 184	9 1872	Boston, Mass.
Stephen M. Merrill,	Ohio Conference, 18	6 1872	St. Paul, Minn.
Edward G. Andrews,	Oneida Conference, 184	8 1872	Des Moines, Iowa.
Gilbert I. Haven,	New England Conference, 18	1 1872	Atlanta, Georgia.
Jesse T. Peck,	Oneida Conference, 188	2 1872	San Francisco, Cal.

### V. APPOINTMENTS.

### Knoxville District.

J. J. MANKER, Presiding Elder.

Knoxville, First Church, J. F. Goldman.

Second "T. H. Russell.

Knox circuit, Wm. Kinsland.

Campbell's Station, J. B. Seaton.

Fincastle, E. B. Clark.

Clinton, J. N. Moore.

New Market, J. D. Lawson.

Thorn Grove, R. O. Ayers.

Little River, J. M. Durham.

Sevierville, J. H. Jennings.

Fair Garden, to be supplied by G. W.

Caton.

Huntsville, to be supplied by A. L. Williams.

Ralph Pierce, Agent of Knoxville University.

### Morristown District.

J. B. LITTLE, Presiding Elder.

Morristown, E. J. Hyatt.
... circuit, R. W. Patty.
Newport, T. A. Davis.
Parrottsville, J. F. Morrison.
St. Clair, J. L. Cardwell.
Rogersville and Kingsport, Daniel Richardson.
Sneedville, to be supplied.
Tazewell, A. J. Greer
Speedwell, Henry Pile.
Rutledge, T. R. West.

### Greeneville District.

J. A. Ruble, Presiding Elder.

Jonesboro and Johnson City, J. R. Shults.
Jonesboro circuit, Lemuel Bogart.
Elizabethton, J. M. Park.
Elizabethton circuit, W. G. Hilton.
Taylorsville, T. H. Hodge.
Fall Branch, J. P. Milburn.
Rheatown, Z. R. Hughes.
Greeneville, J. S. Petty.
Greeneville circuit, Moses Seaton.
Carter's Station circuit, W. Lueas.
N. G. Taylor, Conference Sunday School
Agent.

### Asheville District.

W. C. GRAVES, Presiding Elder.

Asheville circuit, B. F. Wells.
Bakersville, to be supplied by T.J. Dawson.
Catawba, to be supplied by T.J. Graves.
Henderson, G. W. Henniger.
Leicester, Daniel Battin.
Pigeon River, R. M. Witt.
Webster, J. C. Patton.
Fort Hembree, to be supplied by J. A.
Matthewson.

### Athens District.

W. C. DAILY, Presiding Elder.

Athens, J. L. Mann.

Athens circuit, J. N. Stamper.
Blue Spring, P. H. Reed.
Loudon, B. Crist.
Madisonville, J. F. Perry.
Kingston and Rockwood, A. J. Bruner.
Kingston circuit, Samuel Greer.
Maryville, T. S. Walker,
Wartburg, A. B. Wright.
Winter's Gap, C. Wright.
Crossville, to be supplied.
Jamestown, John Forrester.
J. A. Dean, President, and M. M. Callen, Agent of the East Tennessee
Wesleyan University.

### Chattanooga District.

J. B. FORD, Presiding Elder.

Chattanooga, E. M. Lockwood.
South Chattanooga, G. A. Gowan.
Ooltewalı, W. M. Haskell.
Chatata, J. H. McGriff.
Cleveland, J. Albert Hyden.
Cleveland, J. Albert Hyden.
Cleveland circuit, R. H. Guthrie.
Ducktown, J. W. Mann.
Ducktown circuit, to be supplied.
Jasper, W. R. Long.
Tracy City and Dunlap, to be supplied.
Pikeville, W. B. Ballenger.
Hamilton, H. H. Burket.
Washington, A. C. Peters.
M. H. B. Burket, Conference Temperance Agent.

#### Cleveland District.

A. P. MELTON, Presiding Elder.

Chattanooga, Clemm Shaw and John Watts.
Chattanooga circuit, to be supplied. Cleveland, Wm. Bluford.
Mouse Creek, to be supplied.
Lenoir's, to be supplied.
Sulphur Springs, to be supplied.
Sequachee River, to be supplied.
Washington, Sebura Skinner.

#### Holston District.

J. C. TATE, Presiding Elder.

Knoxville, James Yarnell.
Concord, to be supplied.
Sevierville, Samuel Patterson.
Clifton, to be supplied.
Warrensburg, to be supplied.
Russellville, to be supplied.
Greene, W. P. Fair.
Hawkins, C. K. Mayes.
Claiborne, to be supplied.
Holston, to be supplied.
Coal Creek, J. Mann.
R. D. Black, transferred to S. E. Indiana Conference.
Thomas H. Pearne transferred to Cincinnati Conference.
J. F. Spence transferred to Florida Con-

J. F. Spence transferred to Florida Conference, and stationed at Trinity Chapel, Jacksonville.

# III. Disciplinary Questions.

- 1. Have any entered this Conference by transfer or re-admission ?
- J. F. Goldman and Aaron P. Melton, by transfer, the former from the Florida and the latter from the Georgia Conference. Wesley Harkins by re-admission.
  - 2. Who are admitted on trial?

Marshall M. Callen, Thomas A. Davis, George W. Heninger, Thomas H. Hodge, Ephraim J. Hyatt, Israel C. Patton, Seburn Skinner, Joseph W. Wells and James C. Wright.

3. Who remain on trial?

Warner P. Fair, Wm. G. Hilton, Wm. Lucas, James F. Perry, Adam C. Peters, James R. Shults and John Watts.

4. Who are admitted into full connection?

Andrew J. Bruner, Jacob Mann, James B. Seaton, Clemm Shaw, Nathaniel G. Taylor and James Yarnell.

5. Who are the Deacons of the First Class?

Andrew J. Bruner, and for examination, Marion Bell and Samuel Patterson.

- 6. Who are the Deacons of the Second Class?
- Thomas W. Brown, Marion Bell and Samuel Patterson.
- 7. Who have been elected and ordained Elders this Year? Elbert B. Clark, Edwin M. Lockwood and Rufus M. Witt.
- 8. Who are the supernumerary Preachers?
- J. N. Baker, M. Bell, T. W. Brown, P. L. Chambers, G. W. Coleman, A. F. English, J. B. Fitzgerald, W. Harkins, S. W. Hyden, D. B. Lawton, A. F. Shannon, W. D. Smith, J. G. Trull. A. G. Watkins, J. F. Woodfin.
  - 9, Who are the superannuated Preachers?
  - D. Carter, S. Henry, W. H. Rogers, E. Still.
  - 10. Was the character of each Preacher examined? It was.
  - 11. Have any located?

None.

12. Have any withdrawn?

J. N. S. Huffaker.

13. Have any been transferred, and to what Conference?

Thomas H. Pearne to Cincinnati Conference; Rufus D. Black to S. E. Indiana Conference, and John F. Spence to Florida Conference.

14. Have any been expelled?

None.

15. Have any died?

Nelson E. Cobleigh, D. D.

What is the Statistical Report?

21,397Members. 3,037 Probationers, 244 Local Preachers, -24,678

Increase 869; Deaths 181.

What are the claims upon the Conference Fund?

What has been received on the foregoing claims, and how has it been applied?

Received from the Chartered Fund \$30.00

Collections. -\$93.15

Applied as follows:

To Mrs. W. A. Marshall, \$30.00 To Mrs. W. H. H. Duggan, 20.00 To Mrs. Isaac Forkner, 21.50To Mrs. Joseph Milburn, 21.65

Have any Local Preachers been Ordained?

Wm. L. Humphrey, James H. Lowrey, Isaac C. Patton. J. C. Robinson.

Are any of our Literary and Theological Institutions under the control and patronage of this Conference, and what is their condition?

(See Report on Education).

Who are the Conference Board of Church Extension? (See Page 3)

Where are the Preachers stationed?

(See Page 8).

Where and when shall the next Conference be held?

At Greeneville.

# IV. Daily Proceedings.

FIRST DAY-Wednesday, September 30th, 1874.

The Holston Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church convened in Annual Session in the M. E. Church, in Chattanooga, Tenn., at 9 o'clock, A. M., Bishop E. G. Andrews in the Chair, who read selections from the First Epistle of Paul to the Thessalonians, and unnounced the 707th hymn, after the singing of which, he led in an earnest appeal to the Throne of Grace.

The Secretary of last year called the roll, when sixty-three members answered to their names.

On motion, J. J. Manker was elected Secretary.

The hours for meeting and adjourning the daily sessions, were fixed at 9 a. m., and 12 m.

On motion, the Bar of Conference was fixed at the farther side of the third pair of windows.

The Presiding Elders were appointed a Committee to nominate the usual Standing Committees, and were granted permission to retire for consultation. During their absence, the Conference engaged in social religious exercises.

On motion, an order was drawn on the Chartered Fund for \$30. The Nominating Committee having returned, submitted their report, which was amended and adopted, as follows:

On Education—J. A. Dean, J. W. Mann, R. Pierce, P. C. Wilson, N. G. Taylor and M. M. Callen.

On Church Extension—J. A. Hyden, J. A. Ruble and F. M. Fanning.

On Freedmens' Aid—J. C. Tate, A. J. Greer, J. H. McGriff, J. F. Goldman and Wm. Bluford.

On Temperance—D. B. Lawton, B. Crist, M. H. B. Burket, J. R. Hughes and W. H. Rogers.

American Bible Society—T. S. Walker, W. C. Graves, J. H. Jennings, John Watts and J. Marshall.

Sunday Schools and Tracts—R. O. Ayres, E. M. Lockwood and B. F. Wells.

Conference Stewards—L. Bogart, H. H. Burk and William Kinsland.

On Missions—The Presiding Elders.

On Memoirs—J. F. Spence, S. Henry, D. Battin, T. H. Russell, E. B. Clark and J. J. Manker.

Book Concern Accounts—F. M. Fanning, J. S. Petty, A. J. Bruner, M. Seaton, R. H. Guthrie, J. D. Lawson and Jacob Maun, Audits—J. M. Park, S. Greer and T. B. West.

Post-Offices-J. Forrester and C. Shaw.

List of Local Preachers—J. M. Durham, T. R. West, W. R. Long, F. M. Fanning and J. Yarnell.

New York Book Concern Accounts—N. G. Taylor.

Public Worship-J. B. Ford, J. W. Mann and G. A. Gowan.

On motion, the Secretary was allowed to nominate his Assistants and J. A. Ruble and J. S. Petty, having been nominated by him were elected Assistant Secretaries.

The Tenth Question was taken up, and the character of J. J, Manker, Presiding Elder, of Knoxville District, having been approved, a short representation was given of the work in the District.

J. F. Goldman, T. H. Russell, J. K. Little, W. Kinsland, J. N. Stamper, J. D. Lawson, D. Carter, R. Pierce and R. O. Ayres were severally called and their characters passed.

R. W. Patty, P. E. of Morristown District, after the usual examination of character, gave an account of his District.

Rev. Mr. Bachman, of the Presbyterian Church, Rev. W. W. Bays, of the M. E. Church, Sonth, and Rev. Mr. Isett, of the Philadelphia Conference, were introduced to the Bishop and by him to the Conference.

H. Pyle, M. Seaton, J. M. Park, J. F. Morrison, J. L. Cardwell, D. Richardson, A. J. Greer, T. R. West, P. H. Reed and J. H. Jennings were called for examination of character and approved.

J. F. Woodfin, P. E., of Asheville District, having passed the customary examination of character, proceeded to give an account of his work, being assisted by Brother Fanning.

F. M. Fanning, B. F. Wells and D. Battin were severally called and their characters passed.

J. L. Mann, P. E. of Jonesboro District, his character having been approved, gave an encouraging account of the work in his District. J. M. Durham, J. A. Ruble, J. P. Milburn and J. R. Hughes were severally called and passed.

W. C. Dailey, P. E., of Athens District, was called and his character passed, after which he gave an interesting report of his work.

J. S. Petty, S. Greer, B. Crist, George Julian, G. W. Coleman, T. S. Walker and J. Forrester were called in order, and their characters passed.

On motion, M. M. Callen was added to the Committee on Educetion.

On motion, A. J. Bruner was appointed a Committee to receive the Collections for the Episcopal Fund.

Appointments having been announced, the Conference adjourned with the benediction by Spencer Henry.

### SECOND DAY-THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1st, 1874.

Conference met at the appointed hour.

After devotional exercises, conducted by George Julian, the minutes were read, amended, and approved.

Rev. J. F. Goldman, transferred from the Florida Conference, Rev. Bro. Harding, of the Presbyterian Church, and Rev. Brother Otheman, of the New York Conference, were introduced to the Conference.

The Tenth Question was resumed, and the characters of S. W. Hyden, A. B. Wright, H. H. Burk and James A. Dean, were examined and passed.

J. B. Ford, P. E. of Chattanooga District, read a statement of the condition of the work in his District.

W. M. Haskell, W. D. Smith, W. R. Long, J. N. Moore, M. H. B. Burket, W. B. Ballenger, J. W. Mann, J. H. McGriff, J. A. Hyden and W. C. Graves were severally called, and their characters passed.

N. E. Cobleigh's name being called, his death was announced.

- J. H. Jennings, M. Seaton, H. Pyle, P. H. Reed, D. Richardson, J. F. Goldman and J. D. Lawson, who were not present when their names were called, on yesterday, were called again and reported their collections.
- J. C. Tate, P. E. of Tennessee River District, was called, and his character approved.

Brother Tate then gave an account of his work and the condition of his District.

W. Bluford was called and his character passed.

The character of C. K. Mays, P. E. of Holston District, was passed, but as Brother Mays was not present, the District was represented by R. W. Patty.

Rev. James Atkins, of the M. E Church, South, was introduced to the Conference.

The Third Question—Who remain on trial? was then taken up, under which the names of Jas R. Shults, Jno. Marshall, William G. Hilton, Jno. Watts and William Lucas were severally called, their characters passed, favorable representations made by the Examining Committee and the Presiding Elders, and their relation continued.

The Sixth Question—Who are the Deacons of the Second Class? was taken up.

Samuel Patterson and Marion Bell were called and their characters passed. They were recognized as Deacons of the Second Class, though, for examination, continued in the First Class of Deacons.

The Seventh Question—Who have been elected and ordained Elders this year? was taken up.

Rufus M. Witt, E. M. Lockwood and E. B. Clark were called, their characters passed, favorably represented by the Examining Committee and Presiding Elders, and elected to Elders' orders..

Thos. W. Brown was approved as to character, but not having passed the required examination, was continued a Deacon of the Second Class.

The Eighth Question—Who are the Supernumerary Preachers? was taken up, under which J. N. Baker, T. W. Brown, P. L. Chambers, A. F. English, J. B. Fitzgerald, J. G. Trull, D. B. Lawton and Marion Bell were approved as to character, and their relation continued.

- G. A. Gowan, J. F. Spence and A. G. Watkins, after the passage of their characters, were returned effective.
- J. N. S. Huffaker's name having been called, and it being stated that he had joined the Holston Conference of the M. E. Church, South, it was ordered that his name be entered as withdrawn.

The Ninth Question—Who are the Superannuated Preachers? was taken up, and the character of Elijah Still, W. H. Rogers and Spencer Henry severally passed, and their relation continued.

The name of Thos. H. Pearne having been called, the Bishop announced that he had been transferred to the Cincinnati Conference.

On motion, Lewis Neil was discontinued at his own request.

Daniel Carter having requested to be placed on the list of superannuates, on motion it was so ordered.

On metion, S. W. Hyden and G. W. Coleman were granted a supernumerary relation, and the latter, also, leave of absence.

Rev. Mr. Eaton, of the Baptist Church, was introduced to the Bishop and Conference.

On motion, Moses Seaton was added to the Committee on Post-offices, and J. J. Manker and J. A. Hyden, to the Committee on Education.

Opportunity was given the various committees and treasurers to collect statistics, reports, &c., at the conclusion of which, Conference adjourned, W. C. Graves pronouncing the benediction.

### THIRD DAY-FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2d, 1874.

The Conference met at the appointed hour, devotional services being conducted by J. N. Stamper.

The minutes were read and approved.

The Committee on Temperance, presented their report, which was read, and after hearty addresses by J. F. Goldman and Hon. L. C. Honk, (who was introduced to the Conference), was adopted.

The Report of the Book Committee, and exhibit of the sales, &c., was presented, read by the Secretary, and referred to the Committee on Periodicals.

Liberty was given the Statistical Committee to fill from last year's Statistics, the blanks unfilled by this year's report.

The Nineteenth Question—Have any Local Preachers been ordained? was taken up, and Israel C. Patton, recommended by Morristown District Conference, James H. Lowery, recommended by Athens District Conference, Marshall M. Callen and William L. Humphrey, recommended by Chattanooga District Conference, and J. C. Robinson, recommended by Tennessee River District Conference, were duly elected to Deacon Orders.

Recommendations for Elders' Orders were called for, but none offered.

The candidates for admission into full connection, were called forward, and after devotional services conducted by the Bishop,

were addressed and catachised by him in a very impressive manner.

The Fourth Question—Who are admitted into full connection? was taken up, and A. J. Bruner, N. G. Taylor and J. B. Seaton duly admitted, and the former also elected Deacon.

James F. Perry and Adam C. Peters were continued on trial.

Rev. B. Green, H. Burns and Mr. Newton, of the African M. E. Church, were introduced to the Bishop and Conference.

After announcements, the Conference adjourned, and F. M. Fanning pronounced the benediction.

### FOURTH DAY-SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3d. 1874.

The Conference Assembled at 9 o'clock and engaged in devo: tional services, conducted by J. H. McGriff, after which the minutes were read and approved.

Rev. Dr. Walden, of the Methodist Book Concern, at Cincinati, O., Dr. Braden, of the Tennessee Conference, and Dr. Fuller, Editor of the Methodist Advocate, were introduced.

The Report of the Auditing Committee was presented and approved.

The Fourth Question—Who are admitted into full connection? was resumed, and Jacob Mann, Clemm Shaw and James Yarnell were duly admitted into full connection.

Wanser P. Fair was continued on trial.

On motion, a Committee of three, consisting of J. F. Spence, J. F. Woodfin and J. A. Hyden, was appointed to nominate Triers of Appeals for the Holston Conference.

The Twenty third Question was taken up, and Greeneville appointed as the place of holding the next session of Conference.

The Second Question—Who are admitted on trial? was taken up, and James C. Wright, recommended by the Athens District Conference; Ephraim J. Hyatt, George W. Heninger, Israel C. Patton and Thomas A. Davis, recommended by the Morristown District Conference; Thomas H. Hodge, recommended by the Jonesboro District Conference; Marshall M. Callen, recommended by the Chattanooga District Conference; and Joseph W. Wells and Seaborn Skinner, recommended by the Tennessee River District Conference, and admitted on trial.

Rev. Brother Stanley, of the California Conference, and Prof. W. E. F. Milburn, of the Holston Seminary, were introduced.

Rev. Dr. Walden, of the Western Book Concern. addressed the Conference on the publishing interests of the Church.

Rev. Dr. Fuller addressed the Conference on the interests of the Methodist Advocate.

The Committee on Memoirs, through J. F. Spence, Chairman, presented and read a memorial of Rev. N. E. Cobleigh, deceased, which was, by a unanimous rising vote, adopted.

The Report of the Treasurer of the Conference Board of Church

Extension, was read and adopted.

H. Huston's case was referred to a committee, consisting of J. F. Spence, F. M. Fanning and J. C Tate.

After announcements by the Committee on Public Worship, Conference adjourned to meet at 8 o'clock, A. M., on Monday. Dr. Walden pronounced the benediction.

### FIFTH DAY—Monday, October 5th, 1874.

The Conference met at 8 o'clock, A. M., according to adjournment, F. M. Fanning officiating in the opening services.

The minutes were read and approved.

The Report of the Committee on Church Extension, was read and approved.

Rev. T. H. Russell, Treasurer of Tract and Sunday School Societies, read the reports of receipts, which were approved and placed on file.

Rev. A. J. Greer presented the report of the Treasurer of the Freedmens' Aid Society, which was approved and placed on file.

J. S. Petty, Treasurer of Conference Education Society, read the report of collections for the E. T. Wesleyan University, which was adopted.

L. Bogart read the Stewards' report, which was approved. Monies apportioned and paid, as follows:

Mrs. W. A. Marshall, \$30.00, delivered to F. M. Fanning.

Mrs. Joseph Milburn, 21.65, "J. P. Milburn.

Mrs. W. H. H. Duggan, 20.00, "W. C. Dailey,

Mrs. Isaac Forkner, 21.50, "M. Seaton.

On motion, Brother Patty was appointed a Committee to take a collection for Sister Forkner.

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T. S. Walker, Committee to receive funds for American Bible Society, read his report, which was approved.

J. F. Woodfin, Chairman of Committee on Nomination of Triers of Appeals presented the report nominating F. M. Fanning, J. Albert Hyden, R. W. Patty, W. C. Graves, J. F. Spence, J. J. Manker and W. C. Dailey, who were, by the adoption of the report, duly elected.

Rev. J. F. Spence presented a resolution concerning the Methodist Advocate, which was adopted.

R. O. Ayres, Chairman of the Committee on Tracts, read the report on that subject, which was approved.

On motion of J. J. Manker, John Marshall was, at his own request, discontinued.

J. F. Spence presented a resolution of thanks, which was adopted.

A. G. Watkins, J. F. Woodfin and W. D. Smith were granted a supernumerary relation.

A. F. Shannon was continued in supernumerary relation.

Wesley Harkins was, on motion, re-admitted, and granted a supernumerary relation.

Dr. Dean read the report of the Trustees of the E. T. Wesleyan University, concerning the condition of that Institution, which was, on motion, approved.

The Committee on Education, presented reports relating severally to the Holston Seminary, Central Tennessee College, East Tennessee Wesleyan University and Knoxville University, which after discussion, were adopted.

The report of Committee on Missions, was read and approved. J. L. Mann stated that by mistake in drawing the Missionary drafts last year, twenty dollars (\$20) surplus remained in his

hands, which the Conference, on motion, authorized him to retain.

J. B Ford, P. E. of Chattanooga District, was authorized to pay to J. H. McGriff, who served as Pastor of the M. E. Church in Cleveland during a part of the last year the Missionary money due said charge for that portion of the year.

Resolutions relating to a monument to the Memory of N. E. Cobleigh, deceased, were presented and adopted. N. G. Taylor, T. S. Walker and J. J. Manker were appointed by the Chair to carry out the provisions of said resolutions.

The Statistical Report was read and approved.

On motion, it was decided that when we adjourn, it be to meet at 2 o'clock P. M.

J. F. Spence presented a resolution concerning the organization of a Colored Conference, which was adopted.

On motion, it was decided that Pastors, in making out their statistical reports, report the Officers, Teachers and Scholars which, from families of their own Church, are engaged in Union Sunday Schools.

The roll of members was called, and the members given an opportunity to come forward and subscribe for the publication of the Minutes.

The following resolution was read, and on motion, adopted:

Resolved, That we appoint J. J. Manker, J. L. Mann and Dr. G. A. Gowan as a Committee on Episcopal Residence within the bounds of our Southern work.

On motion, Conference adjourned.

W. C. Dailey pronouned the benediction.

AFTERNOON SESSION-MONDAY, OCTOBER 5th, 1874.

Conference met pursuant to adjournment.. R. W. Patty conducted the opening exercises.

The minutes were read and approved.

Resolutions relating to the transfer of J. F. Spence, and services rendered by him, were read and adopted.

Dr. Walden addressed the Conference in the interests of our Sunday School Literature.

The Bishop presented nominatious for examining committees and members of Board of Church Extension, which were approved.

J. W. Mann was appointed to fill the vacancy in the list of Triers of Appeals, occasioned by the removal of J. F. Spence.

Resolutions relating to the transfer of Rev. Dr. Pearne and Rev. R. D. Black, were presented and adopted.

The Conference then united in religious services, conducted by the Bishop, after which the appointments were read, and Conference adjourned.

EDW. G. ANDREWS, President.

J. J. MANKER, Secretary.

### V. Resolutions.

### BISHOP ANDREWS.

Resolved, That we will ever remember, with pleasure this, the first visit of Bishop E. G. Andrews, to our Conference. His promptness, ability and kindness, in the discharge of his official duties, command our highest regard, and we would most respectfully request his return at our next session of Conference, if consistent with the views of the Episcopal Board.

#### DR. FULLER.

Resolved, That we fully appreciate and heartily endorse the able Editorial Management of the METODIST ADVOCATE, by the Rev. Dr. Fuller, and that we will put forth our best efforts to increase its circulation.

### CITIZENS AND PASTORS.

Resolved 1st. That the Conference tender their sincere and hearty thanks to the citizens of Chattanooga for the kind and hospitable manner in which they have entertained its members during the session now closing.

2d. That we tender our thanks to the Pastors and Officers of the various churches of this city, for their very courteons invitations to their pulpits, and especially to the Pastor and Session of the First Presbyterian Church, for the cordial tender of their house for our use during the entire session of Conference.

### MONUMENT TO DR. COBLEIGH.

Resolved, 1st. That the Holston Conference will heartily co-operate with the other Southern Conferences, and with the family and friends of the late Dr. Cobleigh, in erecting a suitable monument to his memory.

2d. That a Committee of three members of this Conference be appointed to raise funds for this purpose and to co-operate with similar committees of other Conferences in the erection of such monument.

N. G. Taylor, T. S. Walker and J. J. Manker were appointed.

### COLORED CONFERENCE.

Resolved, 1st. That we rejoice in the prosperity of the M. E. Church among the colored people of East Tennessee.

2d. That when the growth of this work shall make it desirable on their part, to organize a separate Conference for the benefit of this people, we

will cheerfully give our influence in favor of such a measure.

Signed,

J. F. SPENCE,

J. C. TATE,

J. F. Woodfin.

#### J. F. SPENCE.

Having learned that our brother and companion in labor, Rev. John F. Spence, is about to sever his connection with us by transfer to another Conference; Therefore

Resolved, 1st. That we cherish pleasant recollections of his labors and associations among us.

2d. That we commend him to the brethren of the Florida Conference as

an able and accomplished minister of our Lord Jesus Christ, bespeaking for him a hearty and affectionate reception among them.

3d. That should it be his pleasure at any future time to return to this Conference, it would afford us pleasure to again welcome him to our midst.

### DR. PEARNE AND R. D. BLACK.

Having learned of the transfer since our last session, of Rev. Thomas H. Pearne and Rev. R. D. Black, to other fields of labor,

Resolved, That we hold these brothren in affectionate remembrance, and commend them to the confidence and esteem of the ministry and membership of the church, wherever God's Providence may appoint their lot.

### DR. GOWAN.

Resolved, That we tender to Dr. G. A. Gowan our thanks for the accurate and faithful reports, made to the Press, of the proceedings of the Conference.

### In Memoriam.

### N. E. COBLEIGH.

Rev. Nelson E. Cobleigh, D. D., L. L. D., was born in Littleton, New Hampshire, November 24th, 1814. and died in the full triumph of the Christian faith at his residence, in the City of Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 1st, 1874.

He was the youngest of eleven—a child of poverty—without patrimony—

He was the youngest of eleven—a child of poverty—without patrimony—consequently, an earnest struggle for success commenced early in life.

He began his preparatory studies in Newberry, Vermont, in the Spring of

1838, where he evinced a strong desire for scholastic attainments.

In 1839 he entered Wesleyan University, Middletown, Connecticut, where, for four years, he struggled against poverty, making his way through College, graduating in 1843, with the first honors of his class.

In 1844, he joined the New England Conference, and commenced the earnest life-work of saving souls. For nine years, he labored assiduously

and successfully in the ministry.

In consequence of his wife's failing health, he resigned the ministry in 1853, and removed from Boston to Illinois, to accept the Chair of Professor of Ancient Languages, in the McKendree College.

The following year he was elected to the same Professorship in Law-

rence University, Appleton, Wisconsin.

In 1857 he was recalled to Lebanon, Illinois, by an election to the Presidency of McKendree College, and entered upon the duties of his office early in 1858.

In this position his sterling qualities of mind and heart found wide scope to display the true elements of a christian manhood, which he so

fully possessed.

His unwearied watchfulness, and energy, and great executive abilities, soon brought the College from a state of chaos and financial bankruptcy to a

state of order and success.

In the Fall of 1863, he was called to the Editorship of Zion's Herald, Boston, Massachusetts. In this department of effort, he devoted himself with unusual zeal and success, preaching, lecturing, writing—"In labors more abundant than they all."

In 1867, he relinquished his place as editor, because of failing health, the result of over-work and a sharp and rigorous climate. After a brief rest, he sought what his broken-down, nervous system demanded—a milder climate. The Trustees of Wesleyan University, at Athens, Tennessee, proposed and elected him as President of their Institution. In this situation he labored faithfully as his growing strength would permit, and as before, with much success.

At the General Conference of 1872, he was elected to the editorial chair of the Methodist Advocate, at Atlanta, Ga., in which office he labored with

marked zeal and ability, up to the very period of his death.

Dr. Cobleigh was loved and honored by his brethren in the ministry. His wisdom, firmness, mildness and broad Christian charity, gave him peculiar fitness to be a representative man, and as such, he was a member of the General Conference of 1864, 1868 and 1872. He was, in the truest and highest sense, a great and good man. Having a mind of a peculiar type, —possessing great power and penetration—thoroughly trained and disciplined, he was an intellectual giant. He was possessed of a simple but mighty Christian faith. His piety was deep and uniform. Having devoted himself fully to God, the church, and humanity, he labored with equal cheerfulness and zeal in every position, to which duty called him. When appreciated and honored, he betrayed no vanity. When neglected, maligned or persecuted, he manifested no resentment. He was modest and unassuming, but wise and sagacious in all that he did. In his manner and spirit, there was the mildness and gentleness of the lamb; but in the defense of truth and maintenance of principle, there was the bravery of the lion.

As a preacher he was earnest and logical, pathetic and powerful; as a writer, pure and simple, versatile and graceful; as a friend, kind and generous, sympathetic and faithful---none could know him intimately, but to respect and admire, revere and love him. In the church to which he belonged, he

was a strong pillar.

His earnest, devoted piety, his meekness of spirit, his purity of character, his devotion to principle, his adherence to what he believed right, his zeal for righteousness, and his ability as an ambassador of God, disarmed his opponents of much sharp criticism, and caused his enemies to respect and honor him. Thus, like Moses, with "eye undimmed, and strength unabated," he ceased at once to work and live. Thus passed away the man honored and lamented by the whole church.

We bow to the Providence, and say with the poet;

"Hushed be every thought that springs From out the bitterness of things, His quiet is secure; The future brightens on our sight, " For on the past hath fallen a light— That tempts us to adore,"

JOHN F. SPENCE, Chair'n.

# Report on Education.

### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

The success of an individual depends largely on his powers of mind. Neither physical strength, nor spiritual excellence, nor wealth, nor exalted position, will enable him to reach the highest achievements, if he be wanting in intellectual power. This is equally true of a church, and of a State. Whatever nation would become powerful and influential, must foster, with sleepless care, the interests of education; and the church that desires to plant its foundation most deeply, and to make its spiritual edifice most firm and enduring, must of necessity, do the same. This truth the M. E. Church has, long since, learned. Born in a University, she has from the first, and with increasing zeal, given earnest heed to the training of her children in knowledge. We, as a Conference, must not fall behind in this onward march.

We report below the condition of the Institutions under our watch and

### EAST TENNESSEE WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

We are glad to learn from the Report of the Trustees that this Institution is still pursuing its career of usefulness,

We recommend the passage of the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1st. That we will earnestly endeavor to secure students for the

East Tennessee Wesleyan University.

2d. That before January 1st, we will preach or lecture on the subject of Education, present the claims of the East Tennessee Wesleyan University, take collections for the same, and, in every other practicable way, endeavor to obtain means to free the property from debt.

3d. That the Agent or President of the University, or others who may represent its interests, be invited to visit our charges and hold educational

meetings, and canvass for aid.

#### HOLSTON SEMINARY.

The Conference Seminary Committee, appointed at our last session, having opened a Seminary at New Market, called the Holston Seminary, and appointed Professor M, E. F. Milburn, A. M., Principal,

We recommend the passage of the following:

Resolved, 1st. That we hereby express our gratification and pleasure at the successful opening of the Holston Seminary, and earnestly commend it to the patronage of our people in upper East Tennessee.

2d. That we urge our ministers and people in the patronizing territory of this Seminary, to unite in an earnest and vigorous effort, to make it a pow-

er for good, as a preparatory school of the University.

3d. That we confirm the appointment of Professor Milburn as Principal of Holston Seminary.

4th. That we confirm the appointment of Rev. J. J. Manker, and Rev. Jas. A. Ruble, as Trustees of Holston Seminary.

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